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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: The Status of Mao Tse-tung *Staff*

1. The attached memorandum discusses the possibility that Mao Tse-tung may have withdrawn himself or have been withdrawn from active leadership of the Chinese Communist Party.

2. The Board of National Estimates feels that this is a convincing line of speculation and believes you will find it of interest.

3. The memorandum was prepared by [redacted] of our staff.

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